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Group Art Unit	1632
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, of the above-identified application. This request is accompanied by an Amendment and Declaration of Neal L. First Under 37 CFR 1.132, submitted November 12, 2002, which were not entered. Applicants request entry of the amendment.

**Submissions Included:**

Amendment

Declaration of Neal L. First Under 37 CFR 1.132

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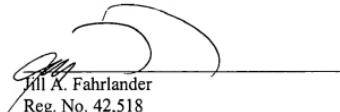
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